

CHAPTER 61

BIDDING ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

S. F. 248

AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-three (23), Code 1958, to provide for competitive bidding on the construction, erection, demolition, alteration or repair of public improvements.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter twenty-three (23), Code 1958, is hereby
 2 amended by adding thereto the following new section:
 3 "Bids Required — Procedure. When the estimated total cost
 4 of construction, erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any public
 5 improvement exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the municipi-
 6 pality shall advertise for bids on the proposed improvement by two
 7 (2) publications in a newspaper published in the county in which the
 8 work is to be done, the first of which shall be not less than fifteen
 9 (15) days prior to the date set for receiving bids, and shall let the
 10 work to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a sealed proposal;
 11 provided, however, if in the judgment of the municipality bids re-
 12 ceived be not acceptable, all bids may be rejected and new bids re-
 13 quested. All bids must be accompanied, in a separate envelope, by
 14 a deposit of money or certified check in an amount to be named in
 15 the advertisement for bids as security that the bidder will enter into
 16 a contract for the doing of the work. The municipality shall fix said
 17 bid security in an amount equal to at least five per cent (5%), but
 18 not more than ten per cent (10%) of the estimated total cost of the
 19 work. The checks or deposits of money of the unsuccessful bidders
 20 shall be returned as soon as the successful bidder is determined, and
 21 the check or deposit of money of the successful bidder shall be re-
 22 turned upon execution of the contract documents. This section shall
 23 not apply to the construction, erection, demolition, alteration or re-
 24 pair of any public improvement when the contracting procedure for
 25 the doing of the work is provided for in another provision of law."

Approved April 19, 1961.

CHAPTER 62

METROPOLITAN AREAS

S. F. 453

AN ACT relating to planning assistance for cities, towns, counties regional and metropolitan areas.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section one (1) of chapter two hundred eighty (280),
 2 Acts of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly is hereby amended as
 3 follows:
 4 1. By striking from lines four (4), five (5) and six (6) the words
 5 "and towns that now or hereafter have a population of less than
 6 twenty-five thousand (25,000) in the solution of their local planning
 7 problems;" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ", towns,

8 counties, groups of adjacent communities, incorporated or unincor-
 9 porated, other cities, towns and counties which have suffered sub-
 10 stantial damage as a result of a catastrophe, areas where rapid urban-
 11 ization has resulted or is expected to result from the establishment
 12 or rapid and substantial expansion of a Federal installation, and
 13 metropolitan and regional areas;”.

14 2. By inserting in line six (6) after the word “receive” the follow-
 15 ing: “, contract for”.

1 SEC. 2. Section two (2) of chapter two hundred eighty (280),
 2 Acts of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly is hereby amended by
 3 striking from lines two (2) and three (3) the words “or town that
 4 now or hereafter has a population of less than twenty-five thousand
 5 (25,000),” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “, town, county,
 6 regional or metropolitan area”.

Approved April 12, 1961.

CHAPTER 63

GOVERNMENTAL INTER-AGENCY LIAISON COMMITTEE

S. F. 442

AN ACT relating to cooperative efforts of various departments.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. The board of control, the board of parole, board of so-
 2 cial welfare, board of regents, commissioner of health, department of
 3 public instruction, vocational rehabilitation and employment security
 4 commission shall meet together annually the first week in April.
 5 Such meeting shall be called by the commissioner of health acting
 6 as chairman of the annual meeting, for the purpose of coordinating
 7 and integrating activities which involve the personnel of two or
 8 more divisions, and shall designate one representative from each of
 9 their agencies as a member of an inter-agency liaison committee.
 10 This committee shall meet at least quarterly to consider areas of
 11 mutual joint interest and responsibility. Minutes shall be kept of
 12 such meetings and made available to the legislature. It shall select
 13 a chairman who shall be responsible to implement decisions reached
 14 by the committee. All activities, which would involve personnel from
 15 two or more of these agencies, shall be presented to each board con-
 16 cerned by the committee representative of that board or adminis-
 17 trative head at any regular meeting or at the annual joint meeting.
 18 When approved by the board or administrative head of each agency
 19 involved, the activities will be implemented by the chairman of the
 20 inter-agency liaison committee which, however, may delegate respon-
 21 sibility to the most appropriate person for carrying out the work.

Approved May 15, 1961.